

Newsletter 2020

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Dates to Note

REMEMBER:

All children are to bring their own water bottle to school. They are able to refill it at school during the day

Still No Assemblies

TERM 4

- Book Fair Week 5
- Virtual & Online

Great idea for Christmas

P & C Meeting –Zoom date to be arranged

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4! With one week already under our belt I sense that this is going to be a very fast term. I am delighted to inform you that our students have all come back from the holidays with a very positive approach to their learning. We have all commented on just how focused, calm and productive they are in the class-room– their learning powers in full force. So proud of our students.

Kindy Orientation: We have sent invitations to individual families of our new kindy students for 2021 to arrange a visit to our school one afternoon. This will give them an opportunity to become familiar with the school, classroom and staff. Unfortunately we are not allowed to have visitation for these students during school hours nor have them mix with our current students. This is one way we can at least meet with our new students and their parents and help them familiarise themselves with our beautiful little school.

Canteen Queens: Back in full swing this week, we thank Lizzy and Nicola for the amazing job they are doing to ensure we are all so well-fed and all particular needs are met. Please ensure your orders are placed before 10am each Friday and to notify them if your child is away on canteen day.

Book Fair: Our school will be holding a book fair in week 5 but.... Yes, you guessed it!... It will have to be displayed virtually. Bec will be organising this for us and information will come to you shortly.

Presentation Night: This year will be very different due to restrictions around COVID-19. We have had to cancel our booking at the Galston Club as restrictions on numbers and social distancing has prohibited us.

STUDENT HEALTH: Any child suffering cold or flu like symptoms, runny nose, sore throats or headaches should not attend school. They are also required to have a COVID test. Students are not to return until the school has been given evidence of a negative result and is not experiencing any symptoms. This still applies until further notice. I thank all of you for your continued vigilance in this area.

Absences: When your child is absent from school we require a written note/email upon their return explaining the reason for their absence. Reasons such as "away" "Late" are unjustified and must be recorded as such.

A reminder around school start and finish times:

 \Rightarrow <u>Arrival time</u> should be between 8:35 and 9:00am each day.

 \Rightarrow <u>Departure time</u> should be as close to 3:05 as possible.

While staff are present outside of these times, we are all very busy undertaking other duties, tasks, professional learning and meetings. Your assistance in adhering to these times is greatly appreciated.



Our P&C will be meeting on

ZOOM!!!

When???

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not join in to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.



BOOK FAIR WEEK 5 So much to see and read

Scholastic Books will be on display in the Library for all students.

More details on our Virtual Book Fair to follow



A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please **speak to the class teacher** to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

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